eligible for electrification under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). Habitations/ hamlets having population of 100 or more are being covered under RGGVY.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for relaxing the conditions for covering hamlets/habitations having population less than 100 under RGGVY.

Ongoing power projects

2287. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of ongoing power projects in the country and the progress made in respect thereof, till-date, State-wise;

(b) what is the amount spent on these projects, including the amount of foreign capital investment, during 2007-08 and 2008-09, State-wise and project-wise; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed, indicating their present status and the likely date of commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will laid on the Table of House.

Menace of begging

2288. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a survey of about 3500 beggars, conducted by Social Work Department has revealed that four are degree holders, six have completed college courses and many of them earn around Rs. 500 a day, which is higher than what several blue and white collar workers make;

(b) whether in Delhi alone there are 75,000 beggars;

(c) if so, how Government proposes to deal with the growing menace of begging, so that educated and literate do not resort to begging; and

(d) what is the perspective planning to end begging menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) A survey on beggary was conducted by Department of Social Work, University of Delhi on the request of Government of NCT of Delhi. Out of surveyed beggars, 6 were found to be graduates and 4 were post graduates. As per the report, 22 beggars earn between Rs. 200/- to Rs. 500/- per day.

(b) As per above report it is difficult to assess the exact number of beggars at any given time in Delhi as beggar population is floating and they keep migrating in and out of Delhi. As per the figures collected from different areas at different times, the average number of beggars in Delhi is 58,570.